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SUBJECT: GOE RELEASES EGYPTIAN-GERMAN BLOGGER, CRACKS DOWN

ON OTHER GAZA ACTIVISTS REF: CAIRO 229 Classified By: ECPO Mincouns William R. Stewart for reason 1.4 (d).

1.(C) Summary and comment: On February 11, Egyptian State Security (SSIS) released blogger and activist Philip Rizk following his arrest on Feb

2.(C) Human rights lawyer Gamal Eid who represents Egyptian-German student, blogger and activist Philip Rizk told us that SSIS released Rizk fr

3.(C) Eid confirmed for us on February 11 that SSIS detained Egyptian blogger Dia' Eddin Gad on February 6. Gad is the author of the blog entit

4.(U) On February 10, a military court sentenced pro-Palestinian activists Ahmed Saad Abu Doma and Ahmed Kamal Abdelal to one year prison terms

5.(U) On February 11, a military court sentenced Labor Party secretary-general Magdy Hussein to two years in prison and fined him LE 5000 (800

6.(C) Comment: While the release of Philip Rizk is a welcome development, the GOE is clearly cracking down on pro-Palestinian activists. The re